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PRODUCTION OF CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) production trend of crude oil and natural gas m Assam and adjoining States of NER during each of the last five years indicating target fixed for 11th Plan period, PSUs-wise;

(b) the steps taken for enhancing the production;

(c) contribution made to the concerned States and Union Government by these PSUs by way of royalty, dividend, centra! cess, duties and other forms during the last five years; and

(d) the amount of profit made out of Assam fields and the share thereon in percentage utilized for various welfare activities in Assam?

Answer

MINISTER FOR PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURALI DEORA)

(a) Infomiation regarding production of crude oil and gas in Assam and adjoining states of North Eastern Region (NER) is enclosed as Annexure-A:

(b) Following steps are being taken for enhancing the oil and gas production.

(i) Acquiring specialized drilling techniques.

(ii) Drilling more wells.

(iii) Improved liquidation strategy for sick /non flowing wells.

(iv) Fast track development of new finds.

(v) Small/marginal field development by way of service contracts/ outsourcing.

(vi) By engaging internationally reputed service providers for field production improvement.

(vii) By offering more and more area under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP)

(c) contribution made to the concerned States and Union Government by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), Oil India Limited (OIL) and Private / Joint Ventures (Pvt/JV) by way of royalty, dividend, central cess, duties and other forms during the last five years is as follows:

Rs.in crore

PSU	Contribution to States Government	Contribution to Central Government
ONGC	1959.88	25027.8
OIL	4231.50	8584.91
Pvt/JV	42.60	

(d) The profit earned by ONGC in NER in the year 2006-07 was Ks. 344.39 crore and it spent 1.19% of the profit on various welfare activities. OIL generated a profit of Rs. 1629.18 crore in the year 2006-07 and it spent 0.78% for welfare activities.